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Pinecrest Drive bridge replacement resumes March 1

Investment made possible by Gov. Pritzker's historic, bipartisan capital program

EAST PEORIA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that construction on the Pinecrest Drive overpass on Interstate 74 (exit 98) in East Peoria resumes Monday, March 1.

The \$9.6 million project, made possible by Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program, involves replacing the bridge that carries Pinecrest Drive over I-74. The height of the new bridge will have a minimum clearance of 16 feet 6 inches, or two feet higher than the existing bridge.

The work is expected to be complete and the new bridge open in November of this year.

In order to complete the project, both directions of Pinecrest Drive will have lanes shifted slightly to allow construction of the west half of the bridge. Two lanes will be open in each direction of I-74 during morning and afternoon rush hours, with occasional overnight lane closures.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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